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Sierra National, High Sierra Ranger District Plans to resume pile burning operations along the West end of Huntington Lake

Prather, CA, June 13, 2023 – The Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District is planning to continue pile burning operations along Huntington Lake Road. Fire Managers delayed planned ignitions Tuesday 6/12/23 to respond to several new lighting fires near Fence Meadow Lookout and Black Rock reservoir. Fire Managers and Fire Crews are taking advantage of the wet weather and cool temperatures in the Huntington area to implement the prescribed fire ignitions. The ignition along Huntington Lake Road will be in the Dowville Day use area and Lower Billy Creek Campground.

The pile burn projects are a part of the Sierra National Forests efforts to reduce Hazard Fuels accumulations within the Huntington Lake Recreation areas, the Creek Fire and prepare the area for summer recreation use.

The project is planned to take several days. Ignitions are scheduled to begin Wednesday 6/14/23 and extinguishment of any residual heat is expected to take several days. Residents and Visitors to Shaver Lake, Big Creek and Huntington Lake may see smoke and flames from the project area.

The Lakeshore pile burn project concluded ignitions Wednesday of last week. Crews are nearing completion of mop in critical holding areas. Smoke from non-critical holding areas may be visible for several more days or weeks.

Residents and Visitors are encouraged to not report the projects through the 911 system. Smoke from the ignitions may be visible from Shaver Lake, Highway 168, Dinkey Creek Road, Huntington Lake RD and other vantage points. If additional information about the project is desired, please contact the High Sierra Ranger District by calling (559) 855-5355.

The Forest Service coordinates all burning activities with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and National Weather Service in Hanford to time the project to coincide with favorable weather conditions and smoke dispersion.

For information on smoke impacts and how to mitigate exposure please follow the link provided www.airnow.gov or www.valleyair.org.

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